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### **THIRD EMMY NOMINATION FOR LACDMH's *PROFILES OF HOPE*** *LA County Department of Mental Health receives an Emmy nod for Mental Health Series.*

**Los Angeles, CA** – The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH), in partnership with the L.A. County Channel, has received another prestigious Emmy Award nomination from the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in the category of Informational/Public Affairs Series for its *Profiles of Hope, 2013* series. LACDMH previously won an Emmy Award in the same category for its *Profiles of Hope, 2011* series and *Profiles of Hope, 2012* Public Service Announcement (PSA). The winners will be announced at the 66<sup>th</sup> annual Los Angeles Area Emmy Awards ceremony at the Leonard H. Goldenson Theatre in North Hollywood on Saturday, July 26, 2014. Featuring three high-profile individuals, the original series can be viewed on the [L.A. County Channel](#), on the [LACDMH website](#) and [YouTube](#). LACDMH has partnered with the L.A. County Channel to produce and broadcast the *Profiles of Hope* series since 2010.

*Profiles of Hope* is widely used as a teaching tool to motivate audiences and erase stigma associated with mental illness. Funded by the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA), *Profiles of Hope* is a set of 10-minute inspirational stories that spotlight individuals who candidly share how they overcame stigma and various obstacles to live successful and productive lives, and carry on LACDMH's mission of *Hope, Wellness and Recovery*.

Featured in the *Profiles of Hope, 2013* series are:

- Grammy Award-winning singer, actor and writer **Rick Springfield** who is well known for 17 hit songs on the Top 40 charts, including his #1 hit *Jessie's Girl*, and for playing Dr. Noah Drake on the ABC daytime show *General Hospital*.
- Academy Award-nominated actor, model and writer **Mariel Hemingway**, granddaughter of legendary author Ernest Hemingway. She recently discussed her family's history of mental illness in the autobiographic documentary, *Running from Crazy*.

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- Emmy Award-winning director and producer **Paris Barclay**, President of the Director's Guild and Executive Producer and Principal Director for F/X's *Sons of Anarchy*. His credits include *NYPD Blue*, *ER*, *The West Wing*, *House*, *Glee* and *Smash*.

The Emmy Award-winning ***Profiles of Hope*** has also received national recognition. The series received a 2014 Silver Telly Award for production excellence. In 2012, the series earned the Voice Awards Honorable Mention from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) at its annual ceremony. And, the ***Profiles of Hope*** has also been given a first place STAR Award in the category of Special Audience by SCAN-NATOA (States of California and Nevada Chapter of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors). The STAR Awards recognize excellence in government programming.

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health is the largest county-operated mental health department in the United States, directly operating 75 program sites and more than 100 co-located sites. Each year, it contracts with approximately 750 agencies and individual practitioners to provide a spectrum of mental health services to more than 275,000 residents of all ages. The Department's mission -- enriching lives through partnership to strengthen our community's capacity to support recovery and resiliency -- is accomplished by working with stakeholders and community partners to provide clinically competent, culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate mental health services to clients in the least restrictive manner possible.

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